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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Monday, 11th/July, through Monday, 18th/July there were 199 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, R1FJ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3DA0, SWAZILAND (Reminder). Braam, ZS6AYE, will once again be active as 3DA0AY from Bulembu, Swaziland. He informed OPDX a few weeks ago, "I am

in and out of Swaziland, and I live 35 km from the border and work in Swaziland. I'm in the business of communications. I am getting everything ready for a DXpeditions that will start on July 18th to the 25th." Activity is on 40-10 meters using mainly the Digital modes (RTTY, JT65, PSK31). The radio is a Kenwood using 40-200 watts into vertical antennas. For mode and band requests, E-mails are welcome at <3da0ay@gmail.com>. QSL via ZS6AYE or ClubLog's OQRS.

5N, NIGERIA. Martin, LW9DTR, will be active as 5N/LW9DTR from Ilobu town, south of Osogbo, in the Osun State, between August 7-8th. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters using SSB and JT65. QSL via his home callsign direct.

8Q, MALDIVES (Update). A group of Polish operators will be active as 8Q7SP from Dhiffushi Island (AS-013) between November 20th and December 3rd. Operators mentioned are Ryszard/SP6FXY, Kris/SP6JIU, Roman/SP9FOW, Wlodek/SP6EQZ, Jan/SP3CYY and SP3FZN. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via SP6FXY, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, visit their Web page (still under construction) at:

http://www.8q7sp.dxing.pl

CE0X, SAN FELIX. Felipe, CE5WQO, announced that there will be a DXpedition to San Felix Island (SA-013) next year, April 2017. He states, "What began as a 3 man effort earlier this summer has now become a 10 man effort, and all the operators are experienced DXpedition operators." Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. This will also include 6m EME. Look for more info to be forthcoming.

CQ NEWS.....

* (Press Release - Scott Rought, KA8SMA, Named CQ Magazine QRP Editor). Dated July 13th -- CQ magazine today announced the appointment of R. Scott Rought, KA8SMA, as the magazine's new QRP (low-power) Editor, effective with the August 2016 issue. Rought succeeds Dennis Lazar, W4DNN, who took the position on an interim basis a year ago.

  A low-power devotee for more than 25 years, Rought has been a ham since 1983 and holds an Extra Class license (along with his original call sign!). He has operated almost exclusively QRP, on both phone and CW, since 2000, and describes the antennas at his Traverse City, Michigan home as "a spider web of wire strung between trees" as well as a roof-mounted homebrew 2-element beam for 20 meters. He previously wrote about his "QRP Superstation" in the April, 2012 issue of CQ.

  Professionally, Rought is a project manager with an environmental consulting company in northern Michigan. He says, "I'm looking forward to providing a column that fellow hams will enjoy reading and that will entice QRO (high power) operators to give QRP a try." Rought's inaugural column in the August issue of CQ includes a "QRP guarantee" for high-power operators, including contesters, DXers and casual operators. The QRP column appears bi-monthly in CQ.

  The August issue of CQ should be in print subscribers' mailboxes by the end of July and available to digital subscribers as of August 1.

* (Press Release -- New CQ World Wide DX Contest Director Restructures Contest Leadership). Dated July 16th -- Newly-appointed CQ World Wide DX Contest Director Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q, has announced a restructuring

of the contest committee's leadership as his first formal act. Zwiebel is changing the director's position to a "triumverate," with Scott Robbins, W4PA, joining the committee and Bob Naumann, W5OV, re-joining the committee as co-directors. The change has the full support of CQ management.

"We will all share the various tasks of 'Director' and we all will provide backup or contingency coverage for each other for most, if not all, aspects of CQWW Committee leadership," explained Zwiebel, adding, "We are all equals."

Robbins and Naumann are both veteran contesters and are well-known in the amateur radio community. Robbins was Ten-Tec's Amateur Radio Product Manager for 12 years before purchasing the Vibroplex Company in 2009. Naumann - who previously served on the CQWW Contest Committee for 20 years - is Sales Manager of DX Engineering and worked previously for Array Solutions.

For additional details, see Zwiebel's complete announcement on the CQWW DX Contest blog at

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DL30, GERMANY (Special Event). Members of the European DX Foundation are activating the special event callsign, DL30EUDXF, to celebrates their 30th anniversary through December 31st. QSL via DJ6SI. For more details, see: http://www.eudxf.de

EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS. Alex, IN3BYZ, is now active as EA6/IN3BYZ from Menorca Islands (EU-004) until July 29th. Activity will be on 20/17/10/6 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Heinz, DF1YP, will once again be active as FO/DF1YP from Moorea Island (OC-046, ARLHS FRP 004, WLOTA 0465, WWFF FFF-178) between October 10th and November 2nd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau (preferred).

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. Emilio, IZ1GAR, will once again be active as IH9/IZ1GAR from Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, WLOTA 0041) between November 24-28th. In the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th), Emilio will be active as IH9R and as a Single-Op/Single Band (80m)/ High-Power entry. Pantelleria counts as Multiplier Zone 33 Africa Italy for the CQWW DX rule (islands are located over the African continent platform). QSL via IZ1GAR, direct or by the Bureau.

AS-036. Kenji, JA4GXS, will be active as JA4GXS/6 from Iki Island between November 12-13th. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

AS-066. Vlad, UA0LCZ, will once again be active as R66IOTA from Popov Island between July 26-31st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW. He will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July

30-31st) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode entry. QSL via his home callsign.

AS-117. Kenji, JA4GXS, will be active as JA4GXS/4 from Kasado Island on August 27th, between 0900-2200z. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

AS-135. Members of the Jiangsu DX Club will be active as B4R from Qinshan Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). Operators mentioned are Li/BA4WR, Zeng/BG4WOM, Mingzhong/BH4RNX, Jian/BI4VIP, BI4TKW and BI4TKL. QSL via BA4WR.

EU-031. Tony, IC8FBU, will be active from Capri Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/Low-Power/12-HRS (Saturday 2000 UTC to Sunday 0800 UTC) entry. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-076. Operators Ian/G3WVG and Nigel/G3TXF will be active as LA/G0AAA from Værøy in the Lofoten Islands, Norway, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via G3TXF. For more details, see:
http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/LA-Jul-16/LA-Jul-16.html

EU-132. Adam, DJ0IF, will be active as SN0RX from Wolin Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). QSL via SP8BXL.

EU-136. Janez, S53V, will be active as 9A8CV from Krk Island from between July 24th and August 3rd. Activity will be CW only on various HF bands. He will also participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). QSL via eQSL only.

EU-146. Peter, ON4TO, will be active as PA/OQ4T from Schouwen Duiveland during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/24-Hrs/High-Power entry. QSL via ON4TO, by the Bureau or LoTW after the activation.

EU-165. Massimo, I0PNM, will once again be active as IM0/I0PNM from San Pietro Island (IIA CI-007, MIA MIS-050, WLOTA 2989), Sardinia. His activity will take place during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/DXpedition/SSB-Mode/Unassisted/24HRS entry. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

EU-172. Paul, DL5CW, will be active as OZ/DL5CW from Hjarno Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-174. Laci, HA0NAR/HG0R, will be active as SV8/HG0R from Thassos

Island between July 26th and August 2nd. Activity will be on 160-2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. His activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). QSL via HA0NAR.

NA-008. Pierre, VE3KTB, will be active as VY0ERC, when time permits from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club on Ellesmere Island between July 22nd and August 6th. He may participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). See QRZ.com for more details.

OC-150. Adi, YB9GV, will be active from Lombok Island during the RSGB IOTA Island (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/ Mode-SSB/Low-Power entry. QSL via eQSL or LoTW.

JT, MONGOLIA. David, OK1DBS, will be active from two different locations in Mongolia between August 30th and September 24th. Look for him to sign JT1DBS during his first week from Ulaanbaatar. The next two weeks he will be in Batshireet signing JT1DBS/3. Activity will be on various HF bands using an IC-7400 and IC-718, with IC-GU-43 500w amp into Cushcraft A3S yagi, R7 Vertical and a Diamond Inv. V-Dipole. QSL via his home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 17-23rd)....

Jul/17th	AN	Jul/20th	HN	Jul/22nd	AN
Jul/18th	AN	Jul/21st	HN	Jul/23rd	HN
Jul/19th	HN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (July 17th)

4L/DL7ZM via DO1CO	EM25LIU via UT2LY	OE150LISSA via OE6NFK
8N8KCJ via JO3OMA	FM5FJ via KU9C & (L)	SV0XCA/5 via SV0XCA (d)
8P6MM via KE1B	HG1Z via HA1XY	SW8YA via HA1YA
CO4SM via EA7FTR (d)	HH2AA via HH2AA	TI3/W7RI via W3HNK
CR5J via CT1EHX	IQ0MX via IZ0MAS	TM1LH via F4FET
DP4E via DL9LD	IS0BSR/IM0 via IS0BSR (d/L)	ZY8M via PT7BI
DQ0X via DF7IS	J68HS via WB4WXE	
E7TESLA via E77E	JT5FW via RZ3FW	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

FT4JA QSL STATUS. Press Release as of July 14th -- "Many of you are wondering about the QSL, especially when they read that some other stations get them already. What's going on exactly?". Read the whole press release at: http://www.juandenovadx.com/en/qsl-card-july-14th

TX3X 2015 CHESTERFIELD DXPEDITION (QSL/LoTW Status) -- Final Press Release -- dated July 12th, 2016 [edited] -- OQRS direct confirmation requests are processed weekly. Requests received by mail are processed immediately and queued for mailing in the next weekly cycle. At this time there are no pending direct card requests. All busted callsigns and Not in Log requests have been researched and answered. The complete log was uploaded to LoTW on April 16, 2016. OQRS Bureau requests and cards received via the bureau system were processed and bulk mailed from the United Kingdom to the worldwide QSL bureaus on July 11, 2016. We will continue to process OQRS, direct, Bureau requests and research busted callsign / Not in Log requests as they are received. If you requested a direct card via OQRS or mailed a direct request and have not received your card(s) please email with the details of your QSO(s)..... 73, TX3X Team

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4S7GWG, 6Y7R, C5GCJ, D44TWO, F6ECI, FM5AN, J79WI, KV4FZ, ON3MDW, ON4RO, PJ2/K3NK, VK5MAV and ZP6CW

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3DA0IJ, 5A1AL, 5N0OCH, 5N7Q, 9G5GH, 9N7NH, CN2CO, E44QX, EP2A, ET7L, FM/DL7VOG, FT4JA, J68GU, RP71NF, S59A, SQ65HSC, TA0/DJ4EL, XR0YS, YI3WHR, ZD7FT and ZX5B

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3W6C, 7P8OC, CU8FN, EA8/HB9FIH, EA8/IK1PMR, HB0HQ, HB0CC, HB0WR, HB0YWR, HB0/HB9LCW, HB10DX, HS0ZBS, HS0ZJS, HS0ZLS, J79WTA and JD1BMH

ST0, SUDAN. Magdi, ST2M, is now active as ST0A from Sudan until the end of July. Activity is on 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

SV, GREECE. Berkin, TA3J, will visit Molyvos (Lesvos-Greece) between July 21-24th, and will be operating as SV8/TA3J (EU-049). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB and FM. QSL via TA3J.

T42, CUBA (Lighthouse Op). Members of the DX Group Cuba (GDXC), Havana Contest Group (HCG) and a eastern RC of Havana will activate T42R from the lighthouse castle of the Morro Havana (CU-002), Cuba (NA-015), during the 2016 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (August 20-21st). Operators mentioned are CO2JD, CO2XK, CO2II, CO2AME,CO2WDB, CM2KL, CM2YV, CM2PTE, CM2CVV, CM2MIL, CM2RW,CM2AQD, CM2CD. CM2CK, CM2MM, CL2TE and CL2YPR. QSL via EA7FTR.

TF, ICELAND. Wolfgang, DH2IW, will be active as TF/DH2IW from Iceland (EU-021) until July 28th. Activity will be on 20-10 meters using SSB, PSK31, PSK63, MFSK, RTTY and SSTV. QSL via his home callsign.

TK2, CORSICA. Operators Pascale/F4HLR, Lionel/F5HNQ, Jean-Louis/F5TJC and Pascal/F8CGL will be active as TK2A from Corsica (EU-014) between October 28th and November 10th. Activity will be on various HF bands including an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via F5HNQ, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

V3, BELIZE. Victor, WB0TEV, will be active as V31VP from Blackman Eddy Village (west of Belmopan) between August 19-23rd. Activity will be on various HF bands including entries in the North American SSB QSO Party and SARTG RTTY Contest. He will use 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

V6, MICRONESIA. Michael, DF8AN, will be active as V63AJ from Yap Island (OC-012) between November 6-20th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DF8AN, direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL or LoTW.

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 6).

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 2, No. 6) is now available at:
http://www.heardisland.org/HD_documents/HD_Newsletters/HD_Newsletter_02_06.pdf

This Newsletter is dated July 1, 2016. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or they made a donation to the expedition, or they are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or Bob, KK6EK, just happens to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 7050 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this we just want to help you make a QSO with VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work.... We plan to issue more Newsletters, to tell you of the experience and results of the expedition."

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    a. Select View/Page Display/
    b. Select Two-page scrolling
    c. Select Show Cover Page in Two-Page View

Now you can view it full-screen using the Page Up and Page Down keys.

If you missed a previous Newsletter and would like to have a copy, you can find a link on p. 4
to download the back issue.

YB71, INDONESIA (Special Event). ?Look for YB71RI to be active to commemorate the 71st Independence Day of The Republic of Indonesia that falls on Augut 17, 2016. Members of the Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia (ORARI) will activate this special event station on all bands and modes from every Indonesian Call Areas from 0 to 9. QSL via the Bureau.

YJ8, VANUATU. Rod, YJ8RN, will once again be active as YJ8RN/P from Loh Island (OC-110), Torres Islands, between July 25th and August 20th. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB. QSL via NZ4DX.

YN3, NICARAGUA. Gerhard, OE3GEA, is now active as YN3GEA from Nicaragua until July 20th. Activity will be on 30 and 20 meters using CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

Z60A MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE IARU CONTEST (As a member!). Kim, OH6KZP, reports: This was the very first IARU contest for Kosovo's national radio amateur association "Shoqata e Radioamatorëve të Kosovës" (SHRAK) as an IARU member society. The occasion called for celebration, and so local amateurs teamed up with an international group to generate an exciting first HQ station operation.

Three station sites in and around the capital Prishtina were used, including the University of Prishtina's Electrical Engineering Faculty club station Z64EEF, close to the heart of the city. We managed to keep 3-5 stations on the air at all times, with one site also extending its single tribander to several high bands simultaneously through triplexer technology.

Band conditions were poorer than hoped for, thus partially turning the contest into a European QSO Party. We enjoyed high rates nonetheless, and 10m and 15m provided nice ES openings. General activity levels also seemed pretty high, which is encouraging when faced with an approaching solar minimum.

On behalf of the non-Kosovar members of the team, I'd like to thank our Z6 hosts for all of their tireless efforts in making the Z60A HQ operation a success, and particularly for their warm hospitality. On a personal note, I'm very happy to have made so many new friends in a fascinating culture on my very first visit.

Also, thanks to all for the QSOs and for warmly welcoming a new IARU society to the international contesting scene! SHRAK will be back.

IARU HF World Championship

Call: Z60A
Operator(s): OG2M OH2BH OH2TA OH6KZP OZ1IKY PB2T S56A Z61AS Z61DX Z61FF Z61VB Z62FB Z63DBB Z63ESC Z63ESD
Station: Z60A

Class: Headquarters HP
QTH: Prishtina
Operating Time (hrs): 24

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Summary:
Band   CW Qs   Ph Qs   Zones   HQ Mults
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160:      0       0      0         0
80:    271     220     15        34
40:    628     249     24        38
20:   1030    1034     40        45
15:    791     975     30        38
10:    547     330     15        33
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Total:  3267    2808    124       188  Total Score = 4,612,920
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